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South Indian Steel Projects

* 187 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Technical Committee on South Indian Steel Projects met in Madras in May 1962;

(b) if so, whether any representative of the Government attended the meeting ; and

(c) the matters discussed at the meeting and the decisions taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Technical Committee reviewed reports placed before it relating to the quality of Neyveli Lignite and Salem Iron ore. The Committee recommended, among other things, that a comprehensive site survey for the plant be undertaken immediately, and further that an appropriate firm of Consultants be entrusted with the task of preparing a project report for the plant. The decision of the Government of India on the recommendations made by the Committee is awaited.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, I may add that the Government of India have since agreed to appoint a consultant for the Neyveli-Salem Steel Plant.

வித்துவான் டி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன் : அந்தக் கமிட்டியிலே அநேகமாக யார் யார் இருப்பார்கள்?

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்டராமன் : இப்போது கெய்வார் இருக்கிறார் ஒரு மெம்பராக. டாக்டர் நிஜாவனும் (Director, National Metallurgical Laboratory), இன்னும் நான்கைந்து பேர்களும் இருக்கிறார்கள்.

Ex-servicemen motor transport co-operative societies

* 188 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of ex-servicemen motor transport co-operative societies in the State;

(b) the number of buses owned by each society; and

(c) the number of members in each society?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Six.

(b) & (c) The particulars are as follows :—

Name of the society.	Number of buses.	Number of members.
(1)	(2)	(3)
1 North Arcot Co-operative Motor Transport Society.	9	69
2 South Arcot Co-operative Motor Transport Society.	11	